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Nayef raps Iran

BAHRAIN, Dec. 20 (R) — Saudi Arabia today accused Iran of becoming the terrorist of the Gulf and offered other Arab states internal security aid.

Americans quiz general's wife

VERONA, Italy, Dec. 20 (R) — A team of American experts sent by President Reagan today quizzed the wife of U.S. Gen. James Dozier, a senior NATO officer kidnapped by Red Brigades guerrillas in Italy three days ago.

4 thieves arrested

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — Amman police today announced the arrest of four thieves who committed several thefts in and around the capital.

Polish envoy to U.S. granted asylum

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (A.P.) — Poland's ambassador to the United States, Romuald Spasowski, has asked for and been granted political asylum in the United States because of the crisis in his homeland.

Qaboos: Soviets are main threat

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (R) — Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman was quoted today as saying that dealing with Soviet involvement in the Middle East should take priority over solving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Bishara blames Arab 'inertia'

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (A.P.) — The secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) was quoted today as blaming Arab 'inertia' and the failure of last month's Arab summit for Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights.

Hassan opens bank branches

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today opened three new branches of the Housing Bank in the Jordan Valley area.

Jordan to get 2 cargo ships

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — Jordan will receive two cargo ships in February of 1982 which will be the first two Jordanian-owned vessels to fly the Jordanian flag.

Mr. Kalalideh said the first of these vessels, to be named Mu'iz, will arrive at Aqaba from Europe early in February and the other, to be named Badr, is expected to arrive at the port on Feb. 18.

French deny reports about postponement of president's visit to Israel

PARIS, Dec. 20 (R) — The French government today called "premature" diplomatic reports that President Francois Mitterrand was postponing an official visit to Israel to protest against Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights.

The External Relations Ministry issued the carefully drafted statement six hours after diplomatic sources told Reuters that Mr. Mitterrand informed Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi, during talks in Paris on Friday, that he would postpone the trip.

The ministry refused to deny flatly that the three-day visit scheduled to start on Feb. 10 had been put off. It would be the first visit to Israel by a French president.

The statement said in full: "The president has said for a long time he would go to Israel. It is generally known that this visit will have a great importance in the search for peace in the Middle East.

Arab League meeting put off

TUNIS, Dec. 20 (R) — A special meeting of the Arab League initially scheduled to be held in Tunis tomorrow to discuss Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights will not take place before next week, league sources said today.

However, the sources said the Arab states were not in a hurry to hold such a meeting which could only result in an unanimous but ineffective condemnation of last Monday's Israeli move at a time when the U.N. Security Council was dealing with it.



His Majesty King Hussein receives at the royal court Sunday visiting Iraqi delegation headed by Speaker of Parliament Na'im Haddad.

Hussein receives Haddad, reiterates support for Iraq

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said today that Iraq is the steadfast Arab front on the eastern gate of the Arab World; therefore its present battle for the restoration of historical Arab rights and property is the battle of the whole Arab Nation.

The King, who was speaking at the royal court during an audience with visiting Speaker of Iraq's Parliament Na'im Haddad and his accompanying delegation, praised the Iraqi army's successes achieved under the leadership of President Saddam Hussein.

"These successes represent Arab victory over weakness and backwardness and augur well for the Arab Nation's ability to restore its self-confidence," the King said.

Abu 'Ein's wife protests to U.S. envoy over extradition

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (U.T.) — Mrs. Hiam Abu 'Ein, wife of Ziad Abu 'Ein, the Palestinian who was extradited to Israel by the U.S. government on Dec. 13, met today U.S. Ambassador in Amman Richard Vines and handed him a letter of protest against her husband's extradition.

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Begin scraps pact with United States

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 20 (R) — The Israeli government declared its strategic cooperation accord with the United States null and void today in a bitter reaction to new punitive measures against Israel.

A statement issued after a three-hour meeting of the Israeli cabinet criticised the U.S. for measures it took at the weekend in retaliation for Israel's annexation of the occupied Golan Heights last Monday.

Washington's steps included suspension of their strategic cooperation accord signed only three weeks ago in Washington and a halt to American purchases of Israeli arms.

U.S. urged to resist 'de facto' annexation of West Bank

By Khader Nassar, Reuters. AMMAN, Dec. 20 — A senior Jordanian government official said today the United States should come out clearly against what he called the de facto annexation by Israel of the West Bank.

New arrival on Amman's hotel scene

By Dina Matar, Special to the Jordan Times. AMMAN, Dec. 20 — The JD 10 million Amman Marriott Hotel, which has been under construction for about three years, is finally open to all.

of punishing Israel — are we a vassal state, are we a banana republic, are we 14-year-olds who when not behaving properly get hit across the knuckles?" Mr. Begin said to the U.S. ambassador.

The angry prime minister added: "I regard your announcement of the suspension of discussions over the implementation of the memorandum of understanding as making it null and void."

"The people of Israel have lived 3,700 years without a memorandum of understanding with the United States and we will live another 3,700 years without it."

Amman Marriott Hotel. (Photo by Youssef Al 'Allan).

used for receptions as well as business meetings. Guests as well as a selected membership can enjoy the facilities of the hotel's Health Centre.

had the desired effect. Mr. Aguilera, who has long experience in hotel business behind him, said, "When we make our employees happy, they will make our guests happy."

Recalling remarks by a British general in Palestine during the British mandate that the Jews were most vulnerable when "hit in their pocket," Mr. Begin asked the U.S. envoy: "Did you want to hit us in our pockets?"

The United States voted for a Security Council demand on Friday that Israel rescind the Golan annexation. "There is no force in the world that can bring about the reversal of the Golan law," Mr. Begin told the U.S. ambassador.

"The meaning of the resolution is for negotiations for defensible and recognised borders. Syria announced it would never negotiate with us and does not recognise us and will not recognise us, thereby removing the spirit of 242. So how can we be accused of violating 242?" Mr. Begin asked.

Amman Marriott Hotel. (Photo by Youssef Al 'Allan).

aguer, she said she feels the hotel is part of her now. "We looked forward to the opening so long that we feel it is our home now," she said.

The Marriott Hotel intends to attract a special clientele, mainly including serious visitors such as businessmen. However, it also expects to accommodate special tourist groups. "But our main target is businessmen," Mr. Aguilera said.

Working on the management team are two Jordanian young women Miss Nisreen Shaker and Mrs. Muzayyan Ramo. They are perhaps the first Jordanian females to plunge themselves wholeheartedly into the business.

Mrs. Ramo has behind her a history of hotel work dating back to 1976, when she was only 20. She worked as a waitress in one hotel in Geneva, as a maid in another in Ireland, and now she is reservations manager at the Marriott. She told the Jordan Times, "I feel so happy about my job. I would not leave it for anything in the world."

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THE HOLIDAYS IN AMMAN'S CHURCHES

Following is a guide to services in Amman's churches for Christmas and the New Year, compiled by Samira Kassar. This and the accompanying article appear in conjunction with today's Jordan Times Christmas Supplement.

ARAB EVANGELICAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve service (at Al Ashrafiyah church only).

Friday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m.: CRISTMAS SERVICE in Arabic (to be broadcast live on Radio Jordan).

Friday, Jan. 1, 11 a.m.: New Year service in Arabic.

EAST JORDAN CHAPLAINCY

Thursday, Dec. 24, 11:30 p.m.: Midnight Communion.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Dec. 25, 11 a.m.: Morning Prayer/Holy Communion.

Sunday, Dec. 27, 12 noon: Carol service and nativity play.

Both the East Jordan Chaplaincy and the Arab Evangelical Episcopal Church meet at the Church of the Redeemer, below First Circle in Jabal Amman, behind the Ahliyya Girls' School (CMS), and near Restaurant China.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

1. Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation, (Jabal Luweibdeh, opposite the Pakistani embassy. Parish priest Rev. Khalil Bdewy, tel. 37440).

Dec. 24/25: midnight mass at 12:01 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., (in English), 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m. (in English), 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

2. St. Joseph's Church (Jabal Amman, First Circle. Parish priest Rev. Emmanuel Sawalba. tel. 24590)

Dec. 24/25: midnight mass at 1:01 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., (in English), 12 noon (in English) and 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. (in English), 12 noon (in English) and 4:30 p.m.

3. Church of Saint John the Baptist (Jabal Hussein, Frere Street. Parish priest Father Mousa Adeli, tel. 61757)

Dec. 24/25: Midnight mass at 12:01 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Masses at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m. (in English)

Jan. 1 (New Year's Day): Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. (in English)

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Thursday, Dec. 24, 11 p.m.: Mass

Friday, Dec. 25, 7:30 a.m.: Mass for those unable to attend the mass of the previous night.

ARMENIAN APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.: Mass

Friday, Dec. 25, 8 a.m.: Prayer service; 9:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, Dec. 26, 8 a.m.: Prayer service; 9:30 a.m., (Mass to commemorate the dead, followed by a visit to the cemetery.)

Friday, Jan. 1, 8 a.m.: Prayer Service 9:30 a.m.; Mass

GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Jabal Amman, First Circle, near Malhas Hospital

Thursday, Dec. 24, 11 p.m.: Mass

Friday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m.: Mass; 11 a.m. Mass.

Friday, Jan. 1, 9 a.m.: Mass; 11 a.m., Mass.

Traditions live in small Christian communities

By Dina Matar

THE SMALL Coptic community in Jordan has adhered to its traditions.

For Copts, the month before Christmas - called *kehik* according to the Coptic calendar - is devoted to never-ending masses in honour of the Virgin Mary. And 40 days before Christmas, Copts start their traditional vegetarian diet, which imposes abstinence from all animal food, including meat and dairy products.

Starting three days before Christmas, Copts stick to an eight-hour fast each day, "to prepare the body for the coming of Christ, the Saviour", explained the pastor of the Coptic Church in Jordan, Father Maximus.

Copts, whether young or old, make it a point to fast, even when fasting seems to be observed only by the very religious or the very old.

"Fasting is as important as going to mass every day and loving one's neighbours," Father Maximus told the Jordan Times.

The Coptic Church is found predominantly in Egypt, and most of its members are Egyptians, although some have obtained Jordanian passports. "Although the Church finds no excuses for people who do not observe the church rituals, it is a church of love and forgiveness," a young Coptic girl said.

As Christmas draws near, each Coptic household thinks of the poor, and allocates a corner in the house for the needy. The corner is filled up with donations every day.

The donations, which could be clothes or money, are then given to the church, which distributes them to the poor on Christmas Day.

In a way, Copts are more "oriental" in their Christmas celebrations than other Christians in Jordan. Visits are exchanged,

and although the church does not encourage visits to the dead, such traditions have been picked up from other communities around. The Christmas tree, a tradition with others, is not a must. Father Maximus said: "Putting up the tree is more a Western tradition. As Copts we would rather pay our respects to Christ and the Virgin Mary than cluster around a thing."

On the other hand, Copts exchange gifts on Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, believing that thus they emulate the shepherds, who gave gifts to Christ a day after he was born.

Armenian traditions

Armenians in Jordan also cling to their traditions, inherited from older generations. Again, Armenians observe a 40-day fast, during which they abstain from eating animal products. But, in their case, it seems that these days only the old stick to the fast.

Some 550 Armenian families live in Jordan, most of whom are of the Armenian Orthodox faith, while the rest are Armenian Catholics.

On Christmas Eve, after midnight mass, the Armenian Orthodox Church choir tours the town, singing Christmas carols and collecting donations and money for the needy. Sometimes the rounds do not finish until 4 a.m., Armenian Orthodox pastor, Father Topoljan told the Jordan Times.

Now, although some traditions have been discarded, Armenians still stick together and celebrate both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, reminiscing about their homeland, and talking over the good old days.

"But things have changed," Mrs Arda Haseasian said. "Now the young no longer want to fast; all they want to do is go out and enjoy themselves together."

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JD 5.4m to go to rural roads

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — Minister of Public Works Awwal Al Masri today announced allocations totalling JD 5,394,000 for the construction, maintenance and improvements of agricultural and village roads in the various governorates in 1982.

Amman Governorate will receive JD 1,125,000; Balqa Governorate JD 800,000; Irbid Governorate JD 1,564,000; Ma'an Governorate JD 545,000; Karak Governorate JD 630,000; Tafila District JD 330,000 and Mafraq District JD 400,000, he said.

Out of these allocations, JD 736,000 will be spent on improvement of roads, JD 750,000 on asphalt layers for village roads, JD 400,000 on new agricultural roads and JD 100,000 will be spent on improving dangerous curves along the country's highways and roads, he said.

During the meeting, the participants decided on priorities in the implementation of these projects in the governorates of Amman, Irbid and the District of Mafraq.

Speaking at the meeting, Interior Minister Suleiman Arar voiced his appreciation of the Ministry of Public Works for allowing local governors around the country to take part in determining priorities in the implementation of projects in their districts, thus facilitating the task of the central government.

It was announced after the meeting that Mr. Masri will hold a press conference before the end of the month to make a detailed announcement of areas where the projects will be carried out and the priorities in their implementation.

Mr. Masri was speaking at a meeting held at his ministry and attended by Interior Minister Suleiman Arar, the under secretary of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, and the Environment and other senior officials, as well as Irbid Governor Mohammad Daoudiyeh, the Mafraq district governor and representatives of other departments.

In briefing his ministry's plans, Mr. Masri said that allocations this year exceeded those for 1981, those for 1981.

Badran visits NRA

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — Prime Minister Mudar Badran called at the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) today and met with its director and senior aides. Mr. Badran was briefed on the authority's activities in oil prospecting and its future plans.

Prayers for water set for Thursday

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic and Holy Places Affairs has called on Jordanian citizens to take part in special prayers for rain which will be held on Thursday. A ministry statement also called on citizens to follow the example of the Prophet Mohammad by fasting three days before joining in the prayers. The Amman prayer will be held at the King Hussein College on Jahal Al Hussein at noon.

Phosphate exports to China discussed

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — Exporting Jordanian phosphates to China was discussed here today by the director of the Jordan

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Phosphates Mines Company, Mr. Ali Nsour, and Chinese ambassador to Jordan Ku Hsiapo. After the meeting, held at the company's headquarters, the ambassador expressed his country's willingness to purchase more Jordanian phosphates.

Seminar set for new mayors

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (J.T.) — Twenty-five recently elected mayors will attend a seminar at the Public Administration Institute on Dec. 26, according to Al Ra'i newspaper. The principal of the institute, Mr. Abdullah Ulayyan, said that the mayors will be lectured on legal, local administrative and organisational affairs.

VTC chief to attend Tripoli seminar

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) will take part in a seminar on training instructors, which will be held on Dec. 27 in Tripoli, Libya. VTC Director Munther Al Masri will attend the two-day seminar, which is organised by the Arab Vocational Training Centre.

Civil servants' market plans expansion

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (J.T.) — The Civil Service Consumer Corporation will open a new branch in Zarqa in 1982, Al Ra'i newspaper reported today, quoting corporation officials. The officials also said that the corporation will open a central market in the 'Ain Ghazal area in the coming few weeks, when the exhibition halls of the centre have been completed.

NRA well team hits pay dirt

AMMAN, Dec. 20 (Petra) — The Natural Resources Authority (NRA) says its teams have drilled 34 wells during this year in search of ground water in Jordan. The last of these wells, according to Dr. Abdul Aziz Wisbah, head of NRA's underground water division, was located east of the town of Malih in Madaba District, where after drilling at a depth of 198 metres, an aquifer 137 metres deep was found. He said that after preliminary experiments it was found that 120 cubic metres an hour can be pumped out of the well. This amount, he added, is ample for the regions' drinking water needs.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

- * An exhibition of "Contemporary Jordanian Painters" at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- * Paintings, entitled "Desert," by Princess Wijdan Ali at the Alia Art Gallery.
- * An exhibition of Koranic calligraphy and illumination at the Royal Academy for Islamic Research (Al al-Bait Foundation) in Umm Uthaina (Six Circle, Jabal Amman).

Lecture

- * The American Centre of Oriental Research presents "The Year 1,500 B.C.," a lecture by Dr. Linda Jacobs, at 6:30 p.m.
- * The University Hospital presents a lecture entitled "Psychotropic Drugs in Childhood Psychiatric Disorders," by Dr. Walid Shugum, associate professor of child psychology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Mo., at 2:00 p.m.

Christmas carols

- * The YWCA choir presents Christmas carols at 7:00 p.m.

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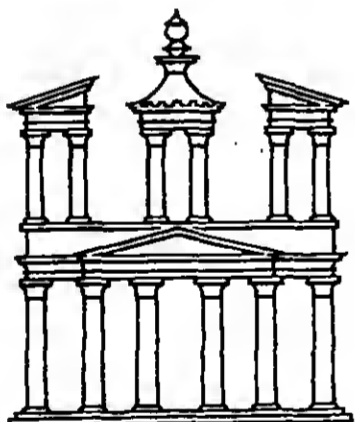
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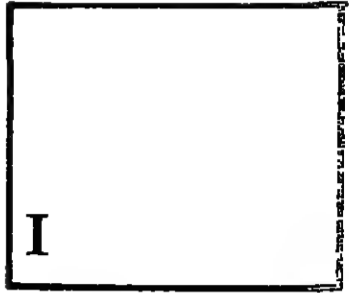
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ditions: they're changing

Dreaming of a Jordanian Christmas

By Dina Matar

ORDANIANS, living so close to Holy Land where it all has a special significance. For every generation, Christmas is a dormant, albeit vivid memory of a simple past. For the Jordanian, it is a time of getting together, enjoying the happiness of all.

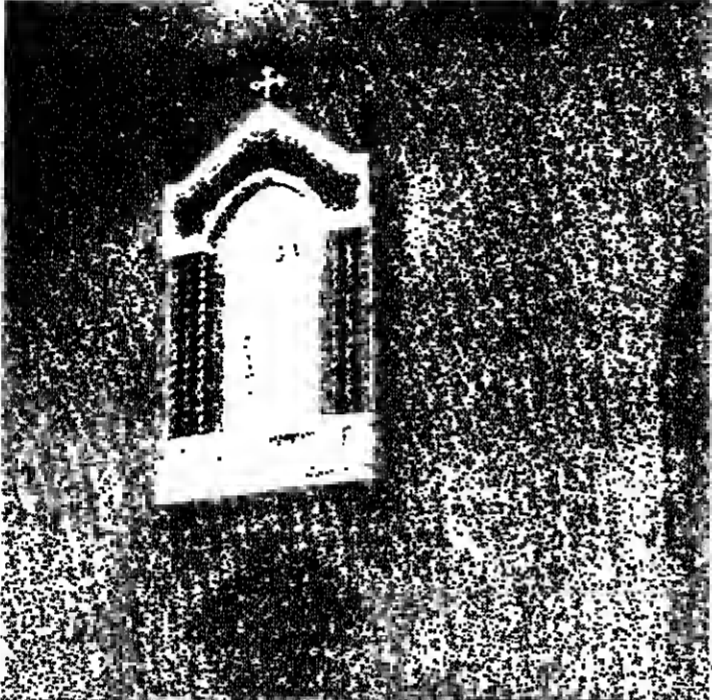
Recently, Christians in the West have celebrated Christmas very much like as observed by the Muslim community. Gifts were exchanged, children were given new toys, the dead were remembered and the poor given donations.

(often thought of as debts that have to be repaid); the dead are visited first thing on Christmas Day, and unsweetened bedouin coffee is always on hand in many households. And with more exposure to the West, Christmas celebrations have taken on a new aspect, encompassing the Muslim community as well.

Trimmed trees can be seen inside houses and on lawns, thoroughly bedecked with colourful electric lights and Christmas decorations. Houses are lit up, church bells chime, horns blow and various, rotund red-clad figures roam the streets to the jingling of bells and strains of Christmas carols.

In Amman, people take to the streets and windows to watch for Santa Claus, while children peek from behind their mothers' skirts—wary of the much dreamed-of figure.

In Fuheis, the most heavily Christian-populated town in Jordan, young and old help out in putting up a gigantic tree in the town's square a week before Christmas. Every night the tree is lit up, from around 6 p.m. until dawn the next day.



celebrated these days very much as in the West, the many people say. Yet, the old still remains about the past. One person who grew up in Bethlehem told the Jordan Times of those days:

"It was so different then. People were one at Christmastime. As children, our parents used to get

us new clothes, which we treasured so much that sometimes they (the clothes and shoes) used to go to sleep with us on Christmas night.

"But putting up the tree was one of the greatest pleasures of Christmas. It was a family affair, and after decorating it we used to

sing some Christmas carols all together, feeling at one with the world.

"On Christmas Eve, everybody used to take to the streets to watch for the patriarchal procession coming from Jerusalem. This was the highlight of Christmas, because the patriarchs of different sects would be officially received by a representative of the government. For us, the children, it was a great honour to get a glimpse of the much-revered patriarchs.

"Our parents used to take us to the fields around Bethlehem, where the shepherds were supposed to have kept their vigil awaiting the arrival of Christ. There we used to eat a special kind of food called *Al Zarb*.

"A fire is first built inside the earth and under piles of stone," he explained. "Then, meat is cooked there, roasting and smoking at the same time.

"And, although the Church of Nativity would be packed with people from all over the world, we used to go there, fighting our way in, and sing Christmas carols. Each sect sang in its own language — Latin, Arabic, Armenian, and Assyrian, all possible language combinations one could ever think of, but none interfering with the

other.

"After Christmas Eve mass, we went out into the streets to find vendors selling roasted chestnuts, and Halawat Al Maseeh (Sweets of Christ), a special kind of sweet covered with sesame seeds, that used to appear only on Christmas and disappear afterwards. Then we would go home, exchange gifts which were tokens of our love, sing Christmas carols around the tree, play a few games, then go to sleep.

"On Christmas Day, we would go to mass again, and exchange visits. We, the children, used to don our new clothes and compare them with those of our friends, then we used to go and play, while our parents visited.

"Now, everything is different. I still go to mass, but it has become lonely in a way, because people are so engrossed in their own problems that you do not feel at one with anyone anymore," he said.

In place of *Al Zarb*, many people now roast turkey for Christmas dinner — a thoroughly Western type of Christmas food — and Christmas cakes have taken the place of Halawat Al Maseeh.

Mrs. Helen Muallem, a housewife of Lebanese origin, told the Jordan Times that when she first came to Jordan some 15 years ago,

she brought some Christmas traditions to her neighbourhood in Amman.

"I started inviting our neighbours, most of whom are Muslims, to a Christmas dinner at our house," she said. "And we got into the habit of exchanging gifts, and greetings. Now, my Muslim neighbours and friends look forward to Christmas more eagerly than I do!"

"For me, Christmas means a lot, because it is a season of loving, giving and forgiving, and it heralds the end of a year and the beginning of a new one. But it has become more of a social than a religious celebration," she commented.

Less significant?

Mrs. Muallem added that now that people are more concerned with the material side of life, Christmas has lost some of its religious significance. "However, it is still enjoyable," she said, "because during Christmas, we always look forward to a better and richer world in every possible way."

But for the young, it does seem as if Christmas is less important religiously, and although churches which are usually empty on Sundays — are packed to overflowing

on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the young generation does not seem to be very much bothered with it all.

Says Miss Naifeh Zumot, "Christmas is just another day; it does not mean much to me."

Many others share Miss Zumot's opinion, and many told the Jordan Times that they just go to Christmas mass as "a tradition, rather than a religious activity."

These are words that would make their elders scowl, and throw up their hands in despair, probably thinking, "My God, what is the world coming to?"

But Msgr. Raouf Najjar, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Jordan, said that although people's attitudes have been changing, Christmas "still means a lot to many."

"The Church calls upon Christians to celebrate the birth of the Saviour," he said. "It is a great day because the glory of the Lord was revealed to save the flesh from all evils."

"Christ had a purpose in coming. He veiled his glory in the crib so that he would win the hearts of humans through love. He was born among the lowly to establish Christian charity," he said.

"And this is the real essence of Christmas, charity and love."

Helping those who help themselves

by Dominic Asquith

DO NOT help an undeveloped country by keeping it enveloped," says Dr. Muriel, head of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) office in Jordan. "You need to train the people and provide them with the means to look after themselves." Doubtless, strong voices would be heard in the ranks of many government departments.

American organisation, traces its roots to the Second World War and the need to relocate in the displaced-camps after that conflict. The organisation's rationale has been simply providing food and emergency relief to attempting to raise the economic status of the among whom it works; and it means people in 70 countries.

visitors, who accompanied officials on three field operations characteristic of CRS by its persistent absence of missionary activity, rather than "Catholic" matter of policy, the openness in the organisation's philosophy. But even if that were the case, the quantity of work standards set by CRS number Jordan staff would spend time in the day for carrying

works in close cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development, and the projects on is engaged throughout the are often the result of suggestions submitted to the ministry office by its regional staff. It is no surprise, then, that CRS programmes are rated in rural areas. One aim is to stem the flow of population to the urban by encouraging people to their land.

of the main programmes is undertaken since 1977, and southern regions plan, involves a three-part on and child welfare, from

which some 1,200 families have benefited. CRS prepared a 15-page booklet giving information and advice on the subject. But more importantly, the mothers are expected to turn up for one hour in the afternoon, twice a week, to be taught how to balance their own and their family's diet, how to preserve sanitary conditions, the rudiments of child welfare and first aid.

Those who conduct these courses are teachers recruited from the local schools. They are introduced to the subjects by qualified nutritionists, social workers and child welfare specialists; and then are left, with a stipend, to pass on the knowledge acquired.

Most of the women who attend these courses have to come in to class from work in the fields. As incentive, it is frequently necessary to compensate them for their lost hours. CRS provides lentils, flour, skimmed milk and cooking oil (the last two being contributed by the European Economic Community). The Ministry of Social Development is responsible for distribution.

Schooling in Safi

Ghor Al Safi is a town set where the Dead Sea shades from deep blue to brilliant turquoise, and in the middle of green fields where the season's first tomatoes habitually ripen (down to which the oxen is still believed to wander on its nocturnal browsing for forage). With this lovely environment, its population of 3,000 might be expected to want nothing.

The standard of housing, however, quickly forces one to reconsider. Safi is one of seven villages in the lower Ghor area involved in CRS' nutritional education programme. The 40 women who are in the middle of the second phase of the course here were seen learning how to preserve their tomatoes for three or four months by pickling them in plastic containers, rather than cutting them open and letting the dust settle, as they had been doing until then.

Previously, too, villagers had scooped their drinking water from the irrigation channels, for the water pipes did not service all of Safi. Now they were growing accustomed to boiling their drinking water, and were being shown how to make nourishing vegetable soups.

There was clearly a distinct shortage of recreational facilities, no library, no electricity and no typing courses. The last may sound an incongruous note following the absence of more basic requirements; but it was something apparently much in demand.

CRS was in the process of drawing up a proposal to establish a sewing and knitting class, for which the women of the village displayed great enthusiasm. A mother, clothed in the traditional embroidered dress, left smiling broadly when she was told that her deaf child would be able to attend these classes as soon as they started. When absentee landlords take half of the crop price and the average income is JD 40 a month, what might seem small compensations become of enormous significance.

One can never go for long in Jordan without hearing about the need for water projects, and since 1978 CRS has helped extend water pipes to some 35 villages. The villages themselves pay, according to their means, between 25 and 40 per cent of the costs of the pipes (calculated at JD 1 a metre). CRS pays the rest, although the labour and technical assistance are provided by the Water Supply Corporation.

Thakret Al Jub, on the outskirts of Mafrqa, was taking its water from a source 5.5 kilometres to the west; but by the time intermediate villages had drawn off their share, there was not enough left. An alternative water source has been found 8.5 kilometres in the other direction, with no one to siphon it off on the way. CRS is paying 65 per cent of the cost of laying a three-kilometre pipe to bring in the water.

There are areas around Mafrqa littered with the basal remains of

old Roman reservoirs. At Umm Sirab, CRS has renovated one such reservoir (as it has already done to three, and is in the process of doing to three, elsewhere). With a capacity of 3,500 cubic metres, the reservoir will provide water for the village's agricultural use.

Sought-after seedlings

The most noticeable, however, of all the projects undertaken by CRS — and because its results are so tangible, tending to overshadow the organisation's less glamorous work — concerns olive seedlings.

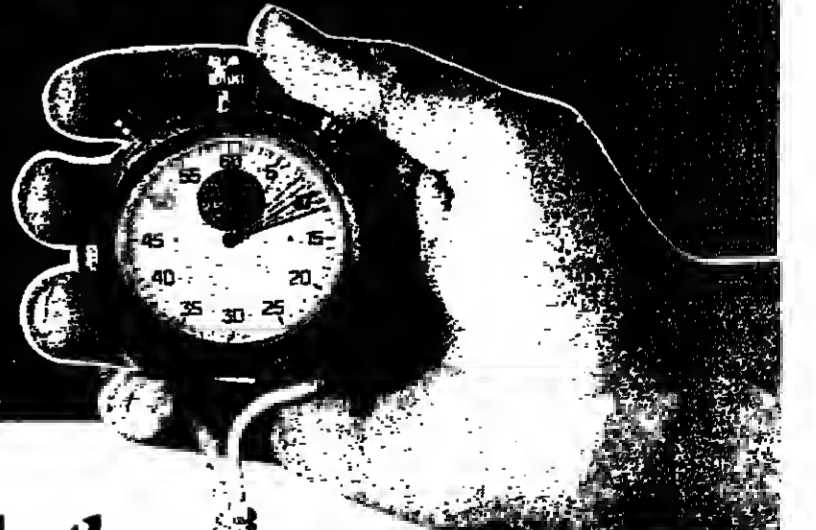
Begun six years ago, the plan involves buying olive seedlings of the Nabali type from Nablus, whose oil yield is usually higher than 25 per cent of the crop's weight. Farmers lodge requests at local offices of the Ministry of Social Development, which in turn informs CRS of the numbers needed.

There was a problem at the start in convincing the farmers that such a project was feasible, especially in the area of poor farmland. Now, however, in the words of one of the officials at the Mafrqa social development office, "instead of running after the farmers, the farmers run after us."

CRS has distributed over 90,000 seedlings in 1979 and 1980, and estimates another 50,000 in 1981. Over 1,000 farmers have benefited from the project in each year, and the success rate of the trees make them so popular that the organisation has had to set a limit of 50 seedlings to each farmer. Besides supplementing their incomes, the olive project has seemed to develop an interest in farming among communities that previously might have thought the possibilities were limited.

Running through all the work that CRS does is the belief that one does not bring a community to develop its own services if one gives things away free. By contributing financially to the programmes going on their areas, the communities have a greater incentive to make them successful.

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opening of new representative office in Amman

Credit Lyonnais expands in Mideast

Paris-based bank Credit Lyonnais has just opened a general representative office for the Middle East, based in Amman but covering Iraq, Lebanon and well as Jordan.

The move reflects Credit Lyonnais' constant policy of expansion. By opening this new office, Credit Lyonnais expands its facilities in the Middle East and affirms its willingness more to participate in strengthening relations between France and Arab states.

Bernard Thiolon, manager of the international division, performed the inauguration of the new office. The inauguration of the new office was held at the Jordan Intercontinental on Dec. 14.

Yves Guillaume, the Amman representative office, said that it had just formally, the office has been doing business since April.

There are now 12 branches in Bahrain, Oman, Morocco and shares in Al Ahli Ltd. in Dubai and representative offices in Amman and Cairo.

More than 2,300 employees and total assets amounting to more than \$10 billion. Credit Lyonnais, which takes its name from the city of Lyon, is ranked among the most important banks in the world - the fifth largest to "The Bankers' Yearbook".

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Deputy Governor of Credit Lyonnais Hussein Qasem (left) listens to General Manager, International Division, Bernard Thiolon (middle) during a cocktail party inaugurating the opening of general representative office for the Middle East in Amman. Mr. Bruno Davezac, Middle East area director, looks on.



Director of the Jordanian News Agency (Petra) Yousef Abu Lail (left) talks with Credit Lyonnais Amman Representative Yves Guillaume (far right). Mr. Bruno Davezac and Mr. Bernard Thiolon look on.

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At the cocktail party from left to right, Miss Adele Habash, Dr. Bassam Al Saket, Mr. Said Hamami, Mr. Muntzer Annab and Dr. Zaki Al Ayoubi.

Mubarak calls for full economic review to map up future plans

CAIRO, Dec. 20 (R) — President Hosni Mubarak has called for a thorough reassessment of the Egyptian economy before mapping out the country's future economic goals.

He told reporters that a big conference of economists, businessmen and representatives from political parties would be held in January to discuss Egypt's economic performance.

The review is likely to precede a major re-evaluation of the country's economic policy by Mr. Mubarak, financial sources said today.

The president was quoted in the Egyptian press today as saying Egyptian economic experts were "now conducting a study on all our economic problems so that we can draw up a permanent design for our national economy."

When he took office after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat last October, Mr. Mubarak stressed that the "open door" policy for foreign investment, introduced by Sadat after the 1973 Middle East war, would continue.

But the policy has been criticised because it has not brought as much investment as originally hoped for, and financial sources believe there are likely to be changes to counter charges that it is only benefiting rich businessmen and middlemen.

Abdul Razzak Abdul Majeed, deputy prime minister in charge of economy and finance, has also

come in for criticism in business circles for what they regard as a failure to follow a clear policy.

Egypt showed a deficit of \$600 million on its balance of payments current account in 1980.

Dr. Abdul Majeed announced in the summer he hoped to produce a balanced budget this year, but the glut on the oil market and a fall in tourism receipts after the killing of President Sadat are likely to undermine any chance of this, Western economic and diplomatic experts believe.

In a speech in November President Mubarak said the economic review should include ideas to rationalise consumption, help reduce the housing shortage, ensure that subsidies reach those in need, eradicate public and private extravagance, strengthen the public sector and reduce the present shortage of skilled labour.

Reported drop in Kuwait's interbank interest rates

KUWAIT, Dec. 20 (A.P.) — The Commercial Bank of Kuwait reported today a "sharp drop" in local interbank short-term interest rates as a result of flush in funds in the market, mainly by the government and oil companies.

As a result, the bank said in a weekly report, interest rates on day-to-day and week funds dropped to one per cent and 4.5 per cent, respectively.

The tone of the market during the week was "generally comfortable" with lenders for short term funds.

However, rates for longer periods did not ease. These maintained their high levels as the participants seemed more reluctant to lend over the year, said the report.

The bank expected the long-term interest rates will continue to remain firm until the end of this December.

China's investment chief warns against buck-passing, calls for more efficiency

PEKING, Dec. 20 (R) — The head of an influential investment corporation, echoing a recent call by Premier Zhao Ziyang to trim China's notorious bureaucracy, has warned the government that the economy will not revive unless the country becomes more efficient.

The People's Daily today quoted Rong Yiren, a former mill owner, as saying at a national advisory conference: "In our work yesterday, buck-passing is rampant. This kind of work-style... is like the feudal mandarin system. If

we don't change it then how can we get the economy moving?"

Mr. Rong is president of the China International Trust and Investment Corporation which was set up two years ago to attract foreign investment.

The paper also reported that several delegates at a recent session of the Chinese people's consultative conference had denounced red tape and stressed the need to streamline the government.

"There are too many people in the boat and not enough rowing,"

one was quoted as saying.

Another delegate at the consultative conference said there were almost 1,000 ministers and vice-ministers in the Chinese State Council (cabinet) and in organs under its jurisdiction, and 5,000 senior heads of department.

Some ministries had more than 20 vice-ministers, he added. This meant matters were passed from one vice-minister to another and no one knew who was responsible.

"Now there are so many mothers-in-law and minor buddhas you have to spend all your

time bowing to them to get anything done," he was quoted as saying.

Another delegate was quoted as saying that the communists had not yet established a proper system of selection, training, appointment and compulsory retirement for officials which meant that old cadres did not give way to younger men.

Two academic delegates were quoted as saying Chinese universities and colleges were overstaffed and got involved in too many unnecessary activities.

Yugoslavia faces up to economic reality

By Anthony Robinson

Yugoslavia's foreign borrowing plans have not been helped in recent months by the fact that many of the western bankers dealing with Yugoslavia also have responsibility for lending to the Comecon countries. Deeply involved with the complexities of Polish debt re-scheduling and the growing difficulties of Romania, they have been casting increasingly worried glances at the economic and financial situation of all East European borrowers.

Thus, when the former President of the Yugoslav League of Communists, Mr. Lazar Mojsov, warned Yugoslavia in November that the country was facing an economic abyss if they did not make efforts to take "economic stabilisation" more seriously, bankers at least heeded the warning.

The practical consequences became apparent last month when a Yugoslav negotiating team led by Mr. Ksente Bogoev, the outgoing governor of the National Bank of Yugoslavia, went to London for preliminary talks on a proposed \$400 million eurocurrency loan to complete this year's borrowing programme.

The Yugoslav side made clear that they were hoping to raise the money on terms similar to that achieved on a similar syndicated loan arranged through a consortium led by Lloyds Bank International last year, that is to say a final maturity of seven years at a rate of 1 1/4 per cent over London Interbank offered rate, or 1 1/2 per cent over the U.S. prime, at the option of the lenders.

Having won these terms last year Mr. Bogoev is seen by some western bankers as having wanted to end his term of office with a repeat performance. The acceptance of less favourable terms will now fall to his successor, Mr. Radovan Makic.

Nearly half the banks invited to meet the Yugoslav team did not even turn up for the London meeting, and those which did made clear that Yugoslavia would have to lower its sights and be satisfied with a significantly lower amount at higher rates. This message has been taken on board.

According to Mr. Ilija Marjanovic, Deputy Governor of the bank, "we shall be meeting again with the banks shortly to sit down and examine what it is realistic to achieve. We recognise that this will be less than last year's borrowing." Manufacturers Hanover is expected to lead the consortium.

The main aim of the borrowing is to boost reserves and so reduce vulnerability to the kind of squeeze on short term debt which has affected Romania and other Comecon borrowers recently. Reserves currently stand at around \$2.9 billion, Mr. Marjanovic said. Yugoslavia has

already raised around \$1.7 billion this year in financial and commercial credits. This virtually covers the expected 1981 balance of payments deficit of \$1.8 billion. Financial credits already lined-up amount to around \$1.7 billion of the \$2 billion borrowing target for this year.

But raising the remainder from commercial banks which already

in most cases have substantial Yugoslav debt in their loan portfolio will require considerable persuasion on the part of the Yugoslav authorities that they have the economy under control and that balance of payments targets can be adhered to.

The Yugoslav authorities themselves recognise that the lack of progress in reducing inflation, still hovering at around 38-39 per cent annually, the rise in the net foreign debt to \$16.3 billion or close to \$19 billion when short term debt is included, riots and repression in Kosovo, the shift in trade towards Comecon and evidence of declining competitiveness on western markets all raise legitimate questions about the economic and political management.

They are after all the main concerns of the Yugoslav authorities themselves. The fact that the cost of servicing the Yugoslav debt has risen from \$700 million over the

first nine months of 1980 to \$1.2 billion over the same period this year is itself a powerful argument for keeping future borrowing within tight limits.

But, while recognising the problems, the Yugoslav authorities also point to their track record over the last three years. These have seen a reduction in the payments deficit from \$3.7 billion in 1979 to \$2.3 billion last year. The authorities insist that this year's deficit will still be below the \$1.8 billion target, despite a disappointing first half. Future targets of a \$500 million deficit in 1982 and parity by 1983 will be strictly adhered to, they say.

Scepticism about the ability to reach this year's target has been fuelled by the first half trade returns which showed a deficit of \$3.55 billion, which, if unchecked, would have given an annual trade deficit of over \$7 billion compared

— Financial Times news feature

Free-wheeling feeling

COLOGNE, (INP) — In the light of the critical oil price trend, many electronics companies feel that solar energy has a bright future. In Cologne, West Germany, a team of amateur engineers came up with the idea of constructing a solar-powered cycle, the first of its kind, the team said.

However, enjoying the privilege of being able to tap a free source of energy for transport purposes is still not a cheap proposition. The special transmission required for the "solarcycle" meant a considerable investment in addition to the purchase price of the cycle itself. But money was no obstacle to our team of inventors. They were interested in finding new ways of saving on energy costs. They feel that by developing their idea further, they will be able to lower the production costs.

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SPORTS

Shock defeat for Saad Muhammad

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 20 (R) — Dwight Braxton not only upset pre-fight predictions but shattered plans for a four-million-dollar light-heavyweight showdown when he beat Matthew Saad Muhammad here last night.

Braxton's 10th-round victory, bringing him the World Boxing Council (WBC) title, spelled disaster for a proposed bout next May between Muhammad and World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Michael Spinks.

Promoter Butch Lewis disclosed after the fight that he and fellow-promoter Don King had reached tentative agreement on a match that would have netted the two Americans \$2m apiece.

But the promoters' plans had taken no account of the short lefts and vicious right uppercuts of underdog Braxton, also of the United States, which reduced Muhammad to a dazed and battered heap during yesterday's fight.

"Braxton's got a killer instinct that is unreal. But hey, I feel as beaten as Saad," said a dejected Spinks as he watched referee Arthur Mercante signal a halt to the scheduled 15-round bout after two minutes 54 seconds of the 10th.

The 28-year-old Braxton, who resumed his career five years ago after serving a sentence for armed robbery in a New Jersey prison, came into the bout as the WBC's fifth-ranked cootender.

Fighting from his usual crouching position, he made up for a 3½-inch reach disadvantage with a barrage of stinging left jabs and right crosses that sent Muhammad backwards for most of the bout.

Muhammad, 27, fell behind on points and increasingly his only hope of success was a late-round victory in the manner of his previous eight title defenses since he won the crown in April 1979 from Marvin Johnson.

But the cod came after Braxton sent Muhammad down for a count of four. Muhammad got up unsteadily, arms dangling at this side, and as Braxton leaped forward to unload more punches the fight was stopped.

W. Indies cruise to 8 wicket victory against Australia

PERTH, Dec. 20 (A.P.) — West Indian master batsmen Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards reduced the Australian attack to mediocrity in a spectacular display of power-hitting in the Benson and Hedges Cup match at the Western Australia Cricket Association (WACA) ground today.

The hapless Australians were completely outplayed and the West Indies cruised to an eight wicket victory with 20 overs to spare.

Richards and Lloyd came together with the side in a slightly shaky position at two for 37 and proceeded to pulverise the bowling in an unbroken partnership of 153 in only 92 minutes.

Richards hammered three sixes and eight fours in his dazzling unbeaten innings of 72 that occupied 107 minutes and came from only 62 balls.

Lloyd, the hulking left-hander, certainly didn't take a back seat to his vice-captain. He flayed the bowling and scored an unbeaten 80, including 11 boundaries, off 82 deliveries.

The 37-year-old West Indies' captain won the man of the match award; the man widely acknowledged as the world's finest batsman.

The runaway victory, after yesterday's easy triumph over Pakistan, took the West Indies into equal top place in the cup standings.

The West Indies have three wins from five matches and share the lead with Pakistan (three wins

from six matches), with Australia in last place with two wins from five games.

It was a demoralising and humiliating defeat for Australia only six days before the first test against the West Indies starts at the Melbourne Cricket Ground next Saturday.

However, the match provided a great spectacle for a record crowd estimated at more than 26,000.

The ground reached its capacity early in the day and the gates were locked 70 minutes after the start of play.

Huge crowds were still queuing outside the ground, and it is estimated that between 5,000 and 10,000 people had to be turned away.

However, the decision to shut the gates — made in the interests of public safety — did not come until Channel Nine had agreed with an Australian Cricket Board request to telecast the entire day's play in Western Australia, instead of just the first two hours.

There were chaotic scenes and massive traffic jams before the match started at 10.30 a.m., and further confusion reined when thousands of disappointed fans had to drive away from the ground after the gates had been locked.

Wilkison wins his 2nd NSW tennis Open title

SYDNEY, Dec. 20 (R) — American Tim Wilkison won his second New South Wales (NSW) Open tennis title today, and said he would not make the same mistakes he did after his 1978 success.

The 22-year-old left-hander from North Carolina collected \$20,000 and 150 Grand Prix points for beating New Zealander Chris Lewis 6-4, 7-6, 6-3 in just under two hours.

"This means a little more to me compared to last time. Then I was just a little kid coming up and it was the first time I had done anything," said Wilkison.

"When I won that tournament I thought I could do it every week and it didn't mean as much to me—but now in two years of losing a lot I know how hard you have to play to win a tournament."

"I'm now mature enough not to get too carried away with myself and just to keep on working."

The final was something of an anti-climax. Wilkison, ranked 122 in the world, had early breaks in all three sets and Lewis never came to terms with his swinging serve.



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partner wins the trick, do you want him to continue the suit or would you like him to shift?

Q.—My partner and I have recently become very involved with suit preference signals—we wonder how we were ever able to play without them. But a question did arise in a game the other night. I led the nine of diamonds against an opposing heart game. Partner won and shifted to a spade, with disastrous consequences. He claimed my lead of a high diamond was a suit preference for spades. Is this so?—J. Watson, Alexandria, Va.

(This question has been awarded the weekly prize.)

A.—This is one of the problems with becoming over-involved with suit preference signals—you tend to forget all about the fundamentals of bridge and look at everything through suit-preference colored glasses.

By and large, when you are defending, there are many things you want to tell partner about a hand that are more important than suit preference. This is true whether you are making the opening lead or playing to it. As third hand, it is vital that partner know your attitude about the suit led; i.e., do you want him to continue or to shift? In some circumstances, it may be necessary to give him the count of your length in the suit.

As opening leader, your goal is to try to describe your holding in the suit you have chosen to lead. Is it top-of-nothing or are you likely to be leading from an honor? If

Almost everyone plays that your choice of opening lead has little or nothing to do with suit preference. It is far more important to show your length and strength in the suit led. Thus, a high card simply means that you have length and an honor. If you lead a high card in a suit on opening lead, you are telling partner that there is no reason for him to continue the suit if he has something better to do. However, you are not telling him which suit he should shift to. He should be able to work that out from the auction, his hand and dummy.

That does not mean that I cannot think of circumstances where the opening lead might be lead-directing. For instance, suppose that your partner opened the bidding with three hearts and that the opponents then reach four spades. Your partner, on opening lead, attacks with the two of hearts. Obviously, that cannot be his fourth best heart, so he is making an unusual lead. The most probable reason is that he wants you to shift to the lower ranking side suit; in this case clubs, when you gain the lead.

Only in clear-cut circumstances should an card be treated as a suit preference. If there is any doubt in your mind, accept it as its natural meaning.

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FEATURES

How do Americans see themselves?

Note: This is the second part of yesterday's article, which ended with concerning the Americans' view of their nation, its institutions and its in the world.

Available poll data have shown that Americans sharply among these the past 15 years they viewed soundly immediate performance and the leas- on- sible for it. But they rated general satisfaction personal and familial and they have not wit- support for "Ame- or altered their basic to the nation and its is.

Important to understand distinct character and the interrelationship of "e elements. Several Daniel Yankelovich thoughtfully on one part of age, discussing why -style politics of re- involving feelings of uppressed animus tow- rity, had not developed ed States. Some of the ts seemed to be there, elovich," yet when pe- asked about their private lives, the same over 90 per cent majority t everything was going indeed... that they were about their futures... on the whole, they were with their lot.... In 1975, of 10 American families that they were doing personally.... In the he worst economic set- the 1930s, a majority of expressed keen sat- with such crucial aspects ivate lives as their coo- handling personal pro-

blems, the pleasures and cohesiveness of family life, the enjoyment they get out of life, their ability to derive from life what they feel they are entitled to, and their progress in getting ahead and achieving success.... So long as the citizenry manifests this level of personal satisfaction and optimism, Yankelovich concluded, "political stability will be sustained and resentment will be kept at bay."

What Yankelovich did not discuss was the independent impact of American self-esteem on both how people view their personal status and what conclusions they draw from current "system" performance. To make this point I need to back up a bit and specify the unusual properties of American nationalism.

Writing in 1935, the insightful socialist thinker Leon Samson made the point that America is a nation built on an ideology. "When we examine the meaning of Americanism," wrote Samson, "we discover that Americanism is to the American not a tradition or a territory, not what France is to a Frenchman or England to an Englishman, but a doctrine, what socialism is to a socialist."

Samson was right, and herein is a foundation of American nationalism. The United States was established around a pervasive, almost monolithic commitment to classical liberal ideas, involving individualism, freedom, equality and democracy, ideas which continue to be seen as progressive and universalistic.

The central political institutions of the country, reflecting these persisting ideological commitments, have shown an extraordinary staying power. In rereading The Federalist, that set of 85 papers written largely by James Madison and Alexander Hamilton for publication during the debate in New York in 1787 and 1788 over the ratification of the U.S. constitution, one is struck by the fact that one is not simply reading important historical documents. Hamilton and Madison are describing the political institutions by which the United States is governed today. To be sure, various changes and enlargements in constitutional meanings have been made since 1789—by formal amendment, court interpretations and generally through practice and precedent. But the striking thing is that the constitution survives today in its original meaning. There are the president and the congress, paired in that unique political dance as separate institutions, performing shared functions, each possessed of an arsenal of checks on the other. Underlying the entire constitutional arrangement, then and now, is the classical liberal distrust of power and the liberal answer to the problem of power: disperse it and limit it.

When institutions last as long as those of the United States have, they acquire an additional element of legitimacy simply by dint of their duration. I like to call this "habitual legitimacy," one bred of experience or habit. Efforts at changing them, as a very popular Franklin Roosevelt found in 1937 when he sponsored a plan to end a perceived obstructionism of the supreme court by expanding the number of judges, have met with singular public disfavor.

No matter how strong and unified the ideological tradition on which the American nation was built, the persistence of the ideology and its institutions would not have been possible without a subsequent record of national suc-

cess. But the success came, and nowhere more notably than in the economic sphere. At the end of the 18th century the United States was already a wealthy country. Early in the 19th century, American per capita GNP clearly surpassed that of Great Britain and continued to expand at a faster rate. In the century and a quarter after 1840, personal income in the United States grew at an average of about 1.6 per cent per year in real terms—which means, of course, that holding prices constant, that holding prices constant, per capita personal income went up by this amount, doubling every 43 years. Despite some recent problems, the American economy remains an exceptionally fortunate one.

An important symbiotic relationship involving personal standing and sense of nation has thus been produced. Economic success has contributed to an elevated personal satisfaction, which in turn has buttressed pride in nation. At the same time, so strong a national pride and belief in the fundamental legitimacy of the political system have contributed importantly to personal satisfaction. Believing that their country is the best place in the world to live, that its economic order is sound, that its constituent ideas and values are appropriate, that its political institutions deserve respect in their fundamental design, Americans are more inclined to view their personal positions with satisfaction. The society in which one lives is, after all, an important part of one's personal environment and situation. For all their individualism, Americans understand that.

All of this has meant that in the United States attachment to "country" is not abstracted from ideology and regime. On the contrary, "the country" is the ideology (classical liberalism cum Americanism) and the regime (the constitution, inter alia). The doctrine of American exceptionalism has meant the exceptional merit of the idea and its institutions. New

survey findings suggest that the doctrine of American exceptionalism still flourishes.

The particular character of American nationalism extracts its pride, of course, if "the country" and "the regime" are almost one, failures involving the latter are especially painful. For most Americans, Watergate was not so much a partisan as national calamity. And yet the very fact of engagement that causes the pain serves to limit the damage. One can easily condemn a regime abstracted from the nation, but that is not possible in the American fashion of the two. The American "sense of nation" thus derived is remarkably hardy; and in a very basic sense it is conservative.

When things go wrong, Americans ultimately blame the actors not the ideology and the institutions. The presidency is sound, if only individual presidents would do better. The private business system is estimable, if only business leaders would guide it more effectively. And so on.

The American criticism of immediate national performance over the past 15 or so years has hardly been casual, but it has been strikingly limited. The self-same sense of nation that has driven and augmented it has kept it in precise bounds. How is it that people who derive a fundamental satisfaction from their personal conditions and who so positively endorse their national experience have so strongly criticized the performance evidenced in Vietnam and Watergate and double-digit inflation? Isn't there a contradiction or a tension? No, the proper question is: how could it have been otherwise? In the theoretical context discussed here, it seems evident that we can reject with some confidence the view that the frustrations of the past 15 or 20 years have altered — indeed, could have altered — the character of American national regard.

— Public Opinion

Hamburg's little Czech piece

By Charles Dick

HAMBURG — In Hamburg's bustling harbour there is a little piece of Czechoslovakia. It is a historical oddity which highlights the city's status as one of Eastern Europe's most important ports in the West.

The small patch of territory, unfenced and without frontier guards, went to Czechoslovakia by treaty after World War I under a 99-year lease.

The enclave is used as a dock, called the Salehshafen, and is run by the Czechoslovak Elbe-Oder Shipping Company.

Its existence underlines the importance of Hamburg for landlocked Czechoslovakia, as goods can be transported cheaply by barge from the port southward up the Elbe and Ulava Rivers to Prague.

siderably more than Czechoslovakia.

Port Authorities and East European shippers say the trend is continuing, helped by Hamburg's position as the furthest east of the main north sea trading ports and the European Continent's biggest port.

Of the nearly 17 million tonnes of transit goods handled by Hamburg last year, East Germany had the lion's share.

Czechoslovakia was Hamburg's second largest transit customer last year with 3.1 million tonnes.

Czechoslovakia sends exports such as machine tools and tractors through Hamburg, importing mostly grain and cattle feed. The cheapest form of transport is by river to Prague, although some goods are sent by road and rail.

During the U.S. grain embargo against Moscow following the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, which President Reagan lifted last April, the sensitive East-West trading weather-vane of Hamburg swung abruptly.

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JAMES GOIN' THE CAPP! WHY BOTHER, PERCY? WE'RE USELESS. NONSENSE, MATE, IF 'ES LIKE THIS WITH OFFICIALS IN CHARGE, WHAT WOULD 'E BE LIKE WITHOUT 'EM?

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